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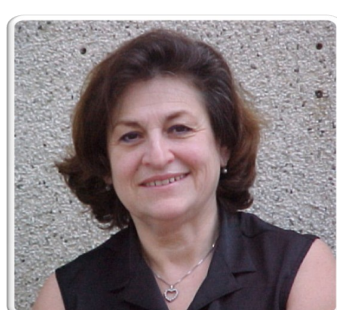
Message from the Executive Director

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the new Clean Air Partnership newsletter: *what's in the air?* Whether you are looking for information on clean air and climate change issues, or environmental reports and publications on climate change adaptation or mitigation, or how to support or contribute toward environmental issues, whether you are seeking information on our organization's programs and services or if you just want to send us a word of support, you have come to the right place!

Our mission is to transform cities into sustainable, vibrant, resilient communities, where the air is clean to breathe and Greenhouse Gas emissions are minimized. Over the past ten years, CAP has fulfilled its mission to work with partners to achieve clean air, facilitate the exchange of ideas, advance change and promote and coordinate implementation of actions that improve local air quality.

What's in the air? keeps you connected to the Clean Air Partnership community and informed about the latest news, events, reports and developments at Clean Air Partnership.

If you would like to learn more about our clean air and climate change initiatives, visit www.cleanairpartnership.org.



Alliance for Resilient Cities (ARC) Webinar

Date: April 20, 2010
Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm (Eastern)

[Reserve your seat](#) | [View the flyer](#)

Overview

The Alliance for Resilient Cities continues its webinar series in Spring 2010.

April 20, Emergency Management and Response Planning, with Aadu Pilt, Emergency Management Ontario, and John Labadie, Seattle Public Utilities, who will discuss how and why emergency managers can and should prepare to respond to future climate change.

New members are always welcome in the Alliance. For membership information, please contact Jennifer Forkes at jforkes@cleanairpartnership.org.

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Complete Streets Forum

The Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation and the Clean Air Partnership would like to invite you to the [Complete Streets Forum](#) taking place on April 23, 2010 at [Fairmont Royal York](#) in Toronto.

There will also be [pre-conference](#) activities taking place on April 22, 2010 at various locations.

Learn from leading experts about innovative, creative solutions for designing and implementing safe and inviting streets for everyone, including pedestrians, cyclists, public transit users and motorists. Strategize with other stakeholders about how to effectively address common opportunities and challenges in balancing the needs of all road users. There are already close to 100 confirmed delegates with new registrants signing up each day.

Register today!

[View the program agenda](#) | [View the flyer](#)

The Complete Streets Forum is made possible through the generous support of our [sponsors and partners](#).

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Urban Heat Island (UHI) Summit

Mitigating Extreme Urban Heat in the Quebec - Windsor Corridor

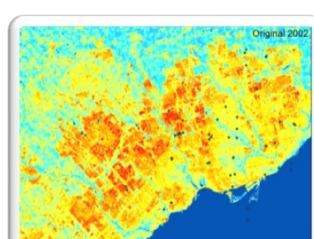
Date: May 3rd, 2010
Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Location: St. Lawrence Hall, Toronto, Ontario

[View the invitation](#) | [Register to attend](#)

Overview

The 2010 Urban Heat Island Summit aims to provide a forum for knowledge exchange between local decision-makers (municipal public health, planning, water and engineering staff), heat researchers (academic, government and NGO), and industry group representatives (manufacturers, construction) in order to stimulate and share best practices and innovative policy approaches to mitigating and adapting to extreme heat. This one day event will focus on urban heat island reduction, with particular focus given to how these mitigation responses might be put into place in Canadian communities.

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Diversity and Clean Air Partnership (CAP)

CAP has recently signed on as a collaborative partner in the Environment & Diversity Project, led by the Sustainability Network, designed to help Ontario's ENGO sector consider, develop and implement strategies to better reflect and engage under-represented communities.

Why is diversity important for the environment and CAP?

Addressing demographic changes and cultural diversity in Toronto is crucial to effective outreach. CAP is working hard to raise awareness about climate change and air quality among diverse sectors of Toronto's population. We expect to work together with diverse communities in order to promote their active participation on efforts related to mitigation and adaptation to climate change in Ontario as well as to support existing efforts to inform diverse communities about air quality in Toronto.

For more information, please contact Omar Lujan, Diversity Coordinator at olujan@cleanairpartnership.org or 416.392.0255.



20/20 The Way to Clean Air

Every time we drive our vehicles and use energy in our homes, we are burning fossil fuels – such as gas, oil and coal – and sending air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions into the air. This contributes to smog and climate change.

Students and teachers, [find everything you need for the 20/20 at school right here](#).

The goal of 20/20 The Way to Clean Air is to help you reduce your energy consumption by 20 percent at home and on the road. 20 percent, or one tonne, is a fifth of what the average Canadian produces each year in greenhouse gas emissions. Reductions in these pollutants will improve local air quality and lessen the impact of smog and climate change on the environment and your health.

[View the 20/20 Planner](#) | [20/20 EcoSchools Program](#)

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Professional Development Workshop: Leading Change in Cities

Clean Air Partnership is pleased to announce a two-day professional development workshop "Climate Change and Green Planning". The workshop will be taught by Executive Director, Eva Ligeti.

[View the flyer](#) | [Register for this course](#) | [View the course description](#)

Climate change is the most pressing issue of our time. The changes required in professional practice, and the interesting issues faced by urban leaders, are unparalleled. Though cities are vulnerable to the effects of climate change, they are also uniquely positioned to take leadership in both mitigation and adaptation. Our changing climate will transform how planning practitioners relate to their work.

This two-day course is intended to help planners who are developing and managing programs with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and reducing the impacts of climate change. The role of new development in the economy recovery will be highlighted. In addition to presentations that offer up-to-date information and analysis, the course includes many opportunities for the discussion and hands-on exercises. Guest speakers with experience in developing and leading climate change mitigation and adaptation programs will make presentation in the course. A binder of useful background materials will also be made available to course participants.

To find out more or to register for this course, please visit: <http://www.geog.utoronto.ca/programs/planning/pdp>.

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